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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005–06 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1496

Introduced by Assembly Member Goldberg

February 22, 2005

An act to ~~amend Section 42289.6 of~~ *add Section 33318.5 to* the Education Code, relating to ~~necessary small schools pupils~~.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1496, as amended, Goldberg. ~~Necessary small schools. High school dropout rates.~~

Existing law vests specified powers and duties in the State Department of Education for purposes of the public education system.

This bill would require the department to compile dropout rates for high school pupils according to a specified formula.

~~Existing law declares the intent of the Legislature that the Quality Education Commission review the eligibility provisions for the establishment of necessary small schools, as specified, and, by January 1, 2006, recommend to the Legislature modifications regarding the size, eligibility requirements, and funding of necessary small schools.~~

~~This bill would instead make those statements of intent with respect to the Superintendent of Public Instruction. This bill would change the compliance date for the recommendations to January 1, 2007.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 33318.5 is added to the Education Code,
2 to read:

3 33318.5. (a) The department shall compile a dropout rate for
4 high school pupils in the state pursuant to the formula specified
5 in subdivision (b).

6 (b) The dropout rate is the difference between the number of
7 pupils who enrolled in grade 9 in a particular year and the
8 number of pupils who, four years later, receive a diploma of
9 graduation from high school, divided by the number of pupils
10 who enrolled in grade 9 in the particular year.

11 ~~SECTION 1. Section 42289.6 of the Education Code is~~
12 ~~amended to read:~~

13 ~~42289.6. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature that the~~
14 ~~Superintendent review the eligibility provisions for the~~
15 ~~establishment of necessary small schools as specified in Sections~~
16 ~~42280, 42282, 42283, 42284, and 42285, including the~~
17 ~~following:~~

18 ~~(1) The appropriate size for a necessary small elementary~~
19 ~~school, a necessary small middle school, and a necessary small~~
20 ~~high school.~~

21 ~~(2) Whether mileage and other eligibility requirements are~~
22 ~~appropriate or need to be modified.~~

23 ~~(b) It is further the intent of the Legislature that by January 1,~~
24 ~~2007, the Superintendent recommend to the Legislature~~
25 ~~modifications regarding the size, eligibility requirements, and~~
26 ~~funding of necessary small schools.~~